

Metropolitan Club
Washington, D. C.

16 May 1950

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Dear Hilly:

I am very much obliged for your letters of May 11th. There are few people in this town who would even take the trouble to write as you have done.

I am sorry about the decision, but I cannot find fault with it as it would appear from what you have written that my friend aimed too high in his application. I think he is a good administrative assistant and I should not have advised him to seek the post for which he apparently applied. He is, however, so faithful, loyal and discreet that I hope he can be used in a capacity for which he is qualified.

I do not get to Washington very often but I would like to see you the next time I am in town. Would the delights of the countryside interest you sufficiently to give me any hope that you would care to spend a day with us on the farm?

Faithfully yours,

Lewis L. Strauss

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Rear Admiral R.H. Hillenkoetter, USN
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington 25, D.C.

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Rear Admiral Lewis L. Strauss, USN

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Dear Admiral:

I wrote to you on 13 April indicating a reasonable possibility of the employment by CIA of [redacted] who was under you in the Atomic Energy Commission.

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I find now that due to a reorganization of the activity for which he was being considered, which has just been undertaken this week, a considerable number of positions previously authorized will be eliminated, including the one planned for [redacted]. As this was the only opening we had available for him, I regret that we cannot now offer him the position, and he is being informed to that effect.

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We will retain his application and give it every possible consideration should something suitable open up in the future.

As I mentioned security clearance in my letter of 13 April I wish also to assure you that security is not in any way a factor in this case. Actually his investigation is still in process and we have not received any reports in connection with the investigation as yet.

Again I regret that we cannot be of more help in this particular case.

Sincerely,

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R. H. Hillenkoetter
Rear Admiral, USN
Director of Central Intelligence

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Rear Admiral Lewis L. Strauss, USN
United States Atomic Energy Commission
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Admiral:

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I have neglected purposely answering your letter of 24 March until I could give you a completely definite answer. [redacted] is being processed now for employment with us, subject to the usual security clearance. I imagine with that there will be very little difficulty.

Thank you for your invitation to lunch but I know you have been very busy in these last few days and, upon the eve of your departure from Government Service, please allow me once more to give you my thanks for all your assistance to me and to wish you the very best of luck in whatever you may undertake.

With the very sincerest of good wishes, believe me,

Most cordially,

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R. H. Hillenkoetter
Rear Admiral, USN
Director of Central Intelligence

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NOTE EOR RECORD: Basic states: Because papers so often get lost in the mill and because my time is getting short, I would appreciate it if you would have your people check as to what they are doing about [redacted]

Faithfully yours, /s/ Lewis - Lewis L. Strauss.

P.S. I would like to see you once more before I step out on April 15th, so that if you have a free day for lunch in April, give me a ring.

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